

REMARKS

Claims 10-14 are pending. Claim 10 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 15. Accordingly, claim 15 has now been cancelled. Now new matter has been added by way of the above amendments.

Rejection under 35 USC § 103

Claims 10-14 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Yamakawa et al. (US Patent App. Pub. No. 2002/0034686) in view of Nissen et al. (US 6,341,057).

Claims 10-12 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Nakayama et al. (WO 03/36744) in view of Nissen et al. (6,341,057).

Claims 13 and 14 have been rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Nakayama et al. and Nissen et al., and further in view of Yamakawa et al.

These rejections are respectfully traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are requested.

Claim 15, which was not included in these rejections and has been indicated as being allowable, has been incorporated into independent claim 10 as suggested by the Examiner in the interview of July 16, 2010. Accordingly, claims 10-15 are not obvious over the prior art of record and the rejections should be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner, Reg. No. 32,181 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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